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Senator Alfredo Gutierrez
Capitol Building
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Senator Gutierrez:

You have asked our advice with respect to the filing of expense reports in connection with initiative elections.

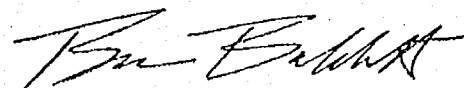
This office has passed upon the question on three previous occasions, in 1946, 1950 and 1965. In each case we concluded that the filing of expense statements was not required. A copy of the 1965 opinion is enclosed.

After considerable thought and discussion, I have reservations about the soundness of this opinion. However, at this point I am not prepared to overrule the work product of three of my predecessors.

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Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,


BRUCE E. BABBITT
The Attorney General

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Enclosure